

C. EFFECT OF CHANGES ON MEDICAL

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WAC 388-418-0025 Effect of changes on medical program eligibility.

- (1) A client continues to be eligible for Medicaid until the department determines the client's ineligibility or eligibility for another medical program. This applies to a client who, during a certification period, becomes ineligible for, is terminated from, or requests termination from:
 - (a) A CN Medicaid program; or
 - (b) Any of the following cash grants:
 - (i) TANF;
 - (ii) SSI; or
 - (iii) GA-X. See WAC 388-434-0005 for changes reported during eligibility review.
- (2) A child remains continuously eligible for CN Medicaid for a period of twelve months from the date of certification for medical benefits or last review, whichever is later. This applies unless the child:
 - (a) Moves out of state;
 - (b) Loses contact with the department or the department does not know the child's whereabouts;
 - (c) Becomes an inmate of a public institution, including a correctional facility (refer to WAC 388-505-0210(5) for exceptions);
 - (d) Turns nineteen years of age;
 - (e) Dies; or
 - (f) Receives benefits under the state children's health insurance program (SCHIP) and:
 - (i) Does not pay health insurance premiums for four consecutive months; or
 - (ii) Is determined to have had creditable coverage at the time of

application. Refer to chapter 388-542 WAC.

- (3) When a client becomes ineligible for refugee cash assistance, refugee medical assistance can be continued only through the eight month limit, as described in WAC 388-400-0035(4).
- (4) A client receiving medical benefits with a TANF cash grant or family medical program is eligible for a medical extension, as described under WAC 388-523-0100, when the client's cash grant or family medical program is terminated as a result of:
 - (a) Earned income; or
 - (b) Collection of child or spousal support.
- (5) A change in income during a certification period does not affect eligibility for:
 - (a) Pregnant women's medical programs; or
 - (b) The first six months of the medical extension benefits.
- (6) For a child receiving benefits under SCHIP as described in chapter 388-542 WAC, the department must redetermine eligibility for a Medicaid program when the family reports:
 - (a) Family income has decreased to less than two hundred percent FPL;
 - (b) The child becomes pregnant;
 - (c) A change in family size; or
 - (d) The child receives SSI.

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

1. When a pregnancy ends, regardless of the reason, medical coverage continues through the end of the month containing the sixtieth day from the day pregnancy ends. See **PREGNANCY**.
2. A working TANF recipient is eligible for family medical even when they choose to terminate cash assistance to save cash TANF months. The client is eligible for family medical (F04) as long as countable income is less than the CNIL.

EXAMPLE

A mother and her two children receive TANF cash benefits. The mother starts working. To “bank” cash assistance months, she requests termination. Redetermine eligibility for TANF-related family medical. (F04)

3. Open or continue children’s medical (F06) for 12 months from the last eligibility review or application, whichever is later.

See **MEDICAL EXTENSIONS** for:

- a. Medical Extension Report; or
 - b. A change resulting in eligibility for a medical extension.
4. If changes in income increase the spenddown liability, the change is effective the first of the month after the change. An increase in resources may affect MN eligibility or increase spenddown liability for MI.

WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES

If the client has not met the increased spenddown liability, terminate MN or MI giving advance and adequate notice. See **SPENDDOWN**.